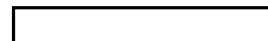
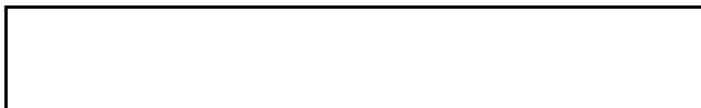


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: SR-71 Operations Readiness Schedule

1. The following OR schedule for the SR-71 [redacted] has been made available to this Office by [redacted] of AFRDR in connection with, and at the time of, response to the questions of the Secretary of Defense this week on OXCART/BLACK SHIELD:

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1st Quarter Calendar Year 1966

During this period USAF plans to have two aircraft in readiness to deploy on at least five days notice carrying only limited sensors. Missions would be flown from 2.8 to 3.0 Mach, range is unspecified and using only those Air Force pilots who have thus far been involved in the SR-71 flight test program.

2nd Quarter Calendar Year 1966

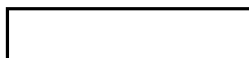
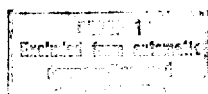
In this period USAF plans to have four aircraft available on five days notice. Two from Edwards AFB and two from Beale AFB. Those aircraft called on from Edwards would possess a limited [redacted] capability as well as limited sensors. Missions would be flown at the 2.8 to 3.0 Mach number with range unspecified.

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3rd & 4th Quarter Calendar Year 1966

USAF hopes to have four SR-71 aircraft available from Beale AFB in this period carrying all sensors provided in the system. Speed regime would be Mach 3.0, range unspecified, and there would be a limited capability to deploy these aircraft. In this context it should be noted that the primary objectives of

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